

# **BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED TASK FORCE**

## **Minutes**

### **Watershed Management Plan**

**Thursday, September 20, 2001**

## **I. Introductions**

Jessica Dominguez welcomed meeting participants and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

The following handouts were given: Dominguez Channel Watershed Procedures and Protocols, time line schedule from Prop 13 grant application, project goal sheets, and stakeholders list. It was requested that if there are any additions or deletions to the stakeholders list to please contact Jessica at (626) 458-4323 or e-mail at [jdominguez@dpw.co.la.ca.us](mailto:jdominguez@dpw.co.la.ca.us).

## **II. Procedures and Protocols**

Menerva Daoud reviewed procedures and protocols developed and adopted by a similar group for the Dominguez Channel Watershed. She described the process and issues, noting the value of developing similar guidelines to assist our task force in working together effectively.

After brief preliminary discussion, Jessica Dominguez asked the task force to consider defining leadership roles and people before moving ahead further with developing the procedures and protocols. One possible scenario noted was to select a chair, vice chair, secretary, and possibly a facilitator. In the Dominguez Channel group, Ms. Daoud serves as Facilitator and Mr. Rydman as Chair. The task force unanimously agreed upon the following:

Facilitator: Jim Donovan (if approved by his organization); Menerva Daoud currently as Interim Facilitator

Co-chairs/sharing secretarial duties: Jim Lamm, Jessica Dominguez, and Gwang-Yu Wang

It was the consensus of the task force to postpone discussion on the procedures and protocols until the next meeting.

## **III. Stakeholder Watershed Information (studies, plans, etc.)**

Howard Hackett shared a handout from the LA County Bicycle Coalition.

Jim Lamm noted that Jessica Hall of North East Trees' stopped by before the meeting to provide a CD of historic watershed maps related to her recently completed Cal Poly Pomona study of the upper Ballona Creek watershed.

Jim Lamm led a discussion of information, studies, mapping, and other resources that participants might be able to contribute to our shared work.

Jim Marchese mentioned that other watershed groups have been contributing information, such as, archived watershed maps, mapping storm drains, geology and hydrology, and other identification processes as part of their watershed plan. He suggested that an outline of this plan should be created first, to reduce duplication and identify all critical elements to be captured and prioritized.

Roy van de Hoek suggested contacting one of the presenters at last year's Ballona Wetlands Symposium who seemed to have a lot of watershed information.

Angie Bera stated that the Santa Monica Baykeeper intends to map all storm drains along Ballona Creek in relation to their increased monitoring. The County, cities, and Corps have related information but not necessarily in CAD or GIS nor up-to-date. The task force talked about the need to integrate data from various agencies and organizations electronically.

Marcia Hanscom noted the importance of including geology and hydrology information. Conner Everts and the Corps' Kathy Anderson both have data along those lines.

Raymond Jay has various GIS data (can provide a list) and water rights and point source information.

Marcia Hanscom noted that the Los Angeles River Task Force, chaired by Dorothy Green of LA River, are working on the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project and are currently doing an inventory of all the various wetlands in the County which include Ballona Creek Watershed. Jim Lamm cited a Coastal Conservancy study which he has of the wetlands of the Los Angeles River. The book provides information on various locations, including pollutants, wildlife, natural features, and such.

Menerva Daoud suggested a task force web site as a good communication, coordination, and educational tool.

#### **IV. Goal Statement**

It was the consensus of the task force to defer this item until next meeting.

#### **V. Next Steps:**

- Continue collecting available existing watershed information (plans, studies, etc.)

Stakeholders were asked to make a list of watershed information they have, in order to compile a comprehensive list of existing data.

- Procedures and Protocols (P&P's)

Stakeholders were asked to review the P&P's and offer new language or update the document to include the needs for this task force.

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2001, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, 90230, at the southwest corner of Overland Avenue and Culver Boulevard. Free parking is available in the municipal lots next to the building and one block further west, both accessible from Culver. The Rotunda Room is prominently located on the building corner and features a big glass wall. Access is via the main building entrance.